



Board Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2009 – 3:30 PM- 4:30 PM

Chief Justice's Office ~ 1st Floor, Supreme Court

Attendees:

Tom Trenbeath, Pam Schafer, Gordon Christensen, Chief Justice VandeWalle, Nancy Walz, Chuck Placek, Leann Bertsch, Lisa Feldner

➤ Approve minutes

- Chief moves to approve. Tom seconds. Minutes approved.

➤ HB1041 - Pam

- The bill was in front of the House Judiciary Committee on Monday, January 09. Representative Klemin spoke on the bill. He stated the bill was not about the approval of SAVIN as that was done in the 2007-09 biennium. He referred to the Legislative Council's Judiciary Committee Report on changes that were made. Vonnette Richter highlighted information on the bill. Janelle Moos, CAWS testified in support of the bill. Janelle pointed out she didn't like the word registered victim but supported SAVIN. Chris Lipsh, NDVAA, testified in opposition of the bill. He has been sending emails to his fellow colleagues. He has been in contact with various representatives. Tom said the bill passed unanimously on the House floor today as well.

➤ New EA - Network for ND - Lisa

- Extend America was the company the former Governor Schafer started. It has been purchased by Greg Rhode and his colleagues. They have an angle on acquiring the digital frequencies when we convert from digital to analog conversion. There isn't a vendor who is willing to bid on the full spectrum nationwide. They don't want the "dog states" (smaller population-large regions, which ND is considered as 1 of 9 of these states). Greg and crew have gone to the FCC and

agreed to take the "dog states" if they could have the spectrum in these 9 states. The FCC would be more willing to grant the request if it can see a functioning pilot. New EA proposed their project to the Governor's office months ago. New EA claims they can do it with existing structures to put their transmitters on. They've offered law enforcement \$100 per month per car. The solution is impressive in the presentation. Our technical people grilled them for 2 hours and came out saying they liked it. The Highway Patrol is interested in this. The pilot project will take place in the city of Dickinson. It is a privately owned service.

- Gordon said the technical group is in the process of developing a recommendation to the Governor's Office. Intent of this group is to get an MOU signed by each participating agency. This board would need to sign the MOU for CJIS.
- More towers would be a million dollars each. This also has effect on our cruiser project that we've spent time and money on. Tom asked what will happen to the bill for towers. Lisa said only a portion of the funding was in the Executive budget. The rationale being there must be existing structures that can be used for less cost. Another piece, looks like there might be economic stimulus package coming to help fund this.
- Chuck said air cards were highly supported in the Executive Committee meeting. Cass County was going to do air cards for about \$40-50 per month. Gordon explained this is a completely different network with higher speeds and covers places where cell towers don't exist. Our signature on the MOU is showing support. CJIS would not end up being the contractor for this group.
- Pam wanted the group's opinion for a signature on the MOU. They want a signature from an agency head. Who should be signing this memo? Tom feels Pam can sign off on this. This is only for support not payment. The piloting agencies agree to pay for the per car charge. Pam's concern is the issue with

procurement. The Governor's office is looking into the procurement issue. There is strong support for broadband air card versus what we currently have.

- What is the public safety spectrum trust? Lisa read the description off the internet. This is space holder group that got together when this came about. State Radio is supportive of the New EA proposal. Nancy asked if they would put additional security on this. Gordon explained it would be offered as a commercial network so there would be other users on it. Public Safety broadband width is guaranteed.
 - Chief asked what is left for State Radio to do. Gordon said there would be transition time as applications the MDT's use would need to be redeveloped. This would be the primary source for voice and data. State Radio would have with the actual switch and dispatch.
 - New EA is a for-profit organization. Chief has some conceptual problems saying our whole communication basis in on a contract. Nancy, that is true of our state network though. Tom would like time to distill this and talk to people about it. Gordon is collecting comments this week. Draft will be complete early next week. The CJIS Executive Committee meeting will hear it tomorrow. We should not wait too long we can get back together. Chief would like to see the final product. Pam will set up a meeting for next week.
- Next Meeting is February 11, 2009
 - Chief will not be in this day. Pam will reschedule.
 - Meeting adjourned 4:20 pm.